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Schorr Reveals Rep. Ryan as Source of Angola Leak

NEWPORT, R.I., Nov. 29 (AP)—Former CBS television reporter Daniel Schorr said today that his source in uncovering a covert CIA operation in Angola was the late Rep. Leon J. Ryan of California.

Schorr said Ryan, who was shot and killed in Guyana Nov. 18 while on a fact-finding trip to the Peoples Temple commune in Jonestown, gave him the information in 1975.

Speaking at a military-media rela-

tions conference at the Naval War College here, Schorr said he was not accustomed to revealing his sources.

He said, however, he felt his revelation was all right in this case because the congressman is "dead and beyond reproach."

Schorr said Ryan leaked the information to him after the congressman had received a top-secret briefing on the Angola operation from the staff of the House International Relations Committee.

"Once a government agency gets into enough trouble that it comes under surveillance by the Congress, it is very difficult from that moment to keep things secret," Schorr said.

Schorr was taken off the air in 1976 after another incident involving a lead of information—it was learned that he had passed to The Village Voice a secret House Select Committee on Intelligence activi-

ties which was highly critical of then-Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. Later, Schorr resigned from CBS.

In that incident he told a House committee that wanted to know how he gained access to the report that he would not reveal his source. "To betray the source would mean to dry up many future sources for many future reporters (and) to betray myself, my career and my life," Schorr said at the time.

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RYAN-SCHORR

SAW NATED, CALIF. (AP) -- AN AIDE TO SLAIN REP. LEO RYAN HAS DENIED REPORTER DANIEL SCHORR'S STATEMENT THAT THE CONGRESSMAN LEAKED A STORY TO HIM ON COVERT CIA OPERATIONS IN ANGOLA IN 1975.

AIDE JOE HOLSINGER SAID WEDNESDAY THAT SCHORR'S REMARKS WERE "REPREHENSIBLE" AND ACCUSED SCHORR OF ATTEMPTING TO USE RYAN "TO REINSTATE HIMSELF."

RYAN WAS KILLED NOV. 18 WHILE ON A FACT-FINDING TRIP TO THE PEOPLES TEMPLE SETTLEMENT IN JONESTOWN, GUYANA.

SCHORR, A FORMER CBS TELEVISION NEWSMAN, SAID WEDNESDAY THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRAT LEAKED THE INFORMATION AFTER RECEIVING A TOP-SECRET BRIEFING FROM THE STAFF OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

HOLSINGER SAID SCHORR HAD CONTACTED RYAN AND ASKED RYAN TO CONFIRM INFORMATION SCHORR HAD RECEIVED FROM ANOTHER SOURCE.

"SCHORR TRIED TO TRAP LEO, TO USE HIM," HOLSINGER SAID. "LEO REFUSED AND HE TOLD ME LATER HE WAS GLAD HE REFUSED."

"LEO DID NOT HAVE MUCH RESPECT FOR SCHORR, AND I'M SURE TIME WILL JUSTIFY THAT OPINION," HOLSINGER TOLD REPORTERS.

HOLSINGER SAID THERE WERE OTHER PERSONS WHO COULD SUPPORT THE DENIAL, BUT HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THEM.

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